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Supply of tents to Avadi Congress.

* 1591 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any tents belonging to the Government (Forest Department) were supplied or used in Avadi in connexion with the recent All-India Session of the Indian National Congress and, if so, how many such tents were used or supplied;

(*b*) the total expenses incurred by the Government for transporting and putting up such tents; and

(*c*) whether the Indian National Congress has paid to the Government cost of erection of the tents belonging to the Government and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Supply of vertical boilers to Avadi Congress.

* 1592 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government supplied any vertical boilers to the Indian National Congress for use during the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress for making iddlies;

(*b*) if so, the expenses incurred by the Government in this connexion;

(*c*) whether the Indian National Congress has paid any amount and if so, how much for the above purpose; and

(*d*) whether any Government official or workmen were posted for the maintenance of the boilers during the session?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) The questions do not arise."

Order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, in Kodoth village.

* 1593 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenses incurred by the Government consequent on the promulgation of an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, in Kodoth village, Kasaragod taluk; and

(*b*) why the above order under section 144 was promulgated in the abovesaid village?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" This has come before the House a number of times. I am answering the question on the assumption that the hon. Member is referring to the orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, promulgated by the Taluk Magistrate, Kasaragod, prohibiting public

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meetings, processions, jathas, etc., in Kodoth village for a period of 15 days from 3rd January 1955 and which the hon. Member disobeyed, Sir.

"(a) When a Magistrate promulgates an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, it is the duty of the Police force to help him in enforcing that order. The Police do it as part of their normal duties in connexion with the maintenance of law and order. It will not be possible to compute the expenditure incurred in this case separately.

"(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to starred question No. 2594 given notice of by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த 144 தடை உத்திரவைப் பிறப்பித்த மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் யாருடைய ஆலோசனையின்பேரில் இந்த உத்திரவைப் பிறப்பித்தார்கள். யார் யார் பேரில் புகார்கள் வந்தனவோ அவர்களையெல்லாம் கூப்பிட்டுக் கேட்டபிறகே இந்தத் தடை உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For all these cases, certain procedure is laid down and that procedure is always followed."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, the question is about the expenses in connexion with the promulgation of the order under section 144. Does it cost anything more than the tom-tom charges? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That will cost a few annas."

Honorary Medical Officers.

* 1594 *Q.*—SRI A. VELOO (on behalf of Sri S. P. Thangavelu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the age of superannuation fixed for Honorary Medical Officers; and

(b) whether the Government made any exception to the above in the appointment of an Honorary Medical Officer, recently, and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No age-limit has been fixed. But Honorary Medical Officers who have attained the age of 55 years and who wish to continue in service have to produce a certificate of physical fitness.

"(b) Yes, Sir; in view of the high Post-Graduate qualifications of the applicants and in some cases in view of the dearth of suitable applicants for the posts, persons who had attained the age of 55 years have occasionally been appointed."